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ON looking over the exchanges, we find that QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL is not alone in having difficulties with which to contend. Our main cause of alarm in the past has been the all-important one of finance. With the issue of the first number this session, however, we had pleasure in announcing that, chiefly through the energies of ex-Secretary-Treasurer Kidd, the JOURNAL was at last above water; but from thence till now the fates have brought about a round of disturbances, necessitating repeated changes upon our staff. We have just emerged from the conflict, and now pray for peace and the continued support of students and others. *The Portfolio*, a neat, well-edited journal, published by the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ontario, says: "The girls, in general, do not seem to have a proper idea of their duty to 'the

Port.' Because there is a limited staff to carry on and generally overlook the paper, these misguided girls think that this limited staff should also attend to all the financial part of the work. This will be an utter impossibility, and unless they come to the rescue, and subscribe for our 'literary gem,' at the same time handing over their dollar in a prompt manner, we are afraid there will be words with the printer." This word of good advice, given to the girls at the Ladies' College, Hamilton, in behalf of the *Portfolio*, is equally applicable to many of the boys of Queen's with respect to the JOURNAL. A similar announcement appears in the *University Monthly*, Fredericton, N. B. The pages of this journal have been enlarged; and in making the change the editor finds it necessary to inform his readers that, with the limited means at their disposal, the literary staff find that any plans for improvement meet with a great drawback when an attempt is made to put them into practice. In another connection he remarks that "the students must all be aware that it requires a comparatively large outlay of funds to keep our college journal afloat." We give these references in order to remind students that the publication of the JOURNAL is a regular business transaction. Printers' ink, paper and the typos' time are not to be had for nothing. We know that the JOURNAL does not come up to the expectations of all; and we never expect that it shall. We find, for instance, that Utopian ideas are afloat as to what it ought to be and as to how it ought to be conducted; but all such ideas in the minds of some students practical and